

REMARKS

This application is subject to a Restriction/Election Requirement, wherein the Examiner requires election of one of the following groups of claims for substantive examination:

Group I - corresponding to claims 1-6, 18-21;

Group II – corresponding to claims 7-17;

Group III – corresponding to claim 22;

Group IV – corresponding to claim 23;

Group V - corresponding to claim 24;

Group VI - corresponding to claim 25; and

Group VII - corresponding to claim 26.

Applicants hereby elect group II, corresponding to claims 7-17, for substantive examination. Claims 1-16 and 18-26 have been canceled herein.

Applicants have further amended claims 7, 11 and 13 prior to substantive examination. No new matter has been added.

Claims 7-17, as amended herein, are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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